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SUBJECT: PRESS INTEREST IN PENTECOSTALISTS IN  
CONSULAR WAITING ROOM

1. CHARLES BIERBAUER (ABC) AND EUGENE PELL  
(NBC) HAVE ASKED FOR PERMISSION FILM PENTECOSTALISTS AND MRS. ELIZA OVSEPYAN AND HER  
TWO CHILDREN IN THE CONSULAR WAITING ROOM.  
BOTH HAVE ACCEPTED REPLY THAT STANDING POLICY  
NOT RPT NOT PERMITTING SUCH FILMING REMAINS IN  
FORCE. BOTH HAVE ASKED US TO KEEP QUESTION  
UNDER REVIEW, WHICH WE HAVE AGREED TO DO. BOTH  
ARE DEVELOPING WHAT PROMISES BE FULL DISCUSSION  
SITUATION SUBSEQUENT TO DECISIONS PENTECOSTALISTS  
AND MRS. OVSEPYAN NOT TO VACATE EMBASSY PREMISES.  
ABC COVERAGE WILL BE ILLUSTRATED BY SKETCHES  
BASED ON BIERBAUER'S TELEXED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
SCENE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULLEST ACCOUNT  
WHATEVER COVERAGE EITHER NETWORK CARRIES.

2. NEWSWEEK MOSCOW BUREAU ALSO PREPARING STORY  
ON EMBASSY "SQUATTERS", FOR NEXT ISSUE. DOUG  
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STANGLIN OF UPI, WHO HAD BEEN SUBBING FOR  
VACATIONING NEWSWEEK BUREAU CHIEF FRED COLEMAN,  
ASKED FOR PERMISSION PHOTOGRAPH IN CONSULAR  
WAITING ROOM, WHICH ALSO WAS DENIED. STANGLIN  
INDICATED THAT EMBASSY'S UNWILLINGNESS ALLOW  
STILL OR FILM COVERAGE WOULD BE CITED IN  
NEWSWEEK STORY TO ILLUSTRATE SENSITIVITY OF

SITUATION AS EMBASSY SEES IT. FRED COLEMAN  
RETURNED TO THE OFFICE AUGUST 16. ON BEING  
APPRISED OF EARLIER DISCUSSION WITH STANGLIN,  
COLEMAN EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF EMBASSY  
POLICY, INDICATING RESTRICTION ON PHOTO  
COVERAGE WOULD PLAY NO ROLE IN NEWSWEEK'S STORY  
AS WRITTEN IN MOSCOW.

3. IT REMAINS POSSIBLE STANGLIN WILL FOLLOW  
UP FOR UPI FILE ON STORY OF "EMBASSY SENSITIVITY"  
TO VISUALS. TOON

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